

## GERMANS TAKE 300 PRISONERS IN ARGONNE REGION

Berlin Declares Attack in For-  
ests Result in Ground Gains  
and Capture of Enemy's Men  
and Guns.

## ARTILLERY DUELS IN CHAMPAGNE DISTRICT

Hard Fighting Occurs Around  
Fortress of Marie Therese—  
Both Sides Make Sorties in  
Department of Nord.

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—Resumption of  
the German offensive in the Argonne  
region of France has resulted in the  
capture of more than 300 soldiers and  
eight guns, according to an official  
report from great headquarters issued  
at the war office this afternoon. It  
follows:

"In the western theater of war an  
attack in the Argonne resulted in a  
gain of ground for us. We captured  
307 men, two machine guns and six  
small cannons.

In the central and southern Vosges  
we also gained a few small local suc-  
cesses yesterday.

In the eastern theater, on the East  
Prussian frontier, the engagements  
continued yesterday with results sat-  
isfactory to us, although deep snow  
hindered the movement of our troops.

"The result of these engagements  
cannot be seen yet. In the Polish  
theater on the right bank of the Vis-  
tula our advance brought us into the  
district northwest of Sierp. Our  
opponents were repulsed wherever  
found."

PARIS, Feb. 11.—The battle-  
scarred Argonne region is again being  
drenched by the blood of the opposing  
French and German soldiers. An offi-  
cial communique issued here this  
afternoon tells of hard fighting around  
Fort Marie Therese, in the north of  
the Argonne, where the French, but  
also admits that those of the French  
were serious though they held their ground.

Champagne is another theater of  
fighting. The communique states that  
the Germans attacked the fortress of  
Mesnil-Les-Hurlus which was re-  
cently captured by the French, but  
were repulsed.

Here's Official Statement.  
The communique follows:  
"On all the front as far as Cham-  
pagne there were artillery duels yester-  
day. In the region of the depart-  
ment of Nord there were numerous  
sorties on this side. The projectiles  
thrown by the enemy's aeroplanes  
upon our lines had not the slightest  
effect."

"In Champagne a German attack  
upon the forest which we recently  
captured to the north of Mesnil-Les-  
Hurlus was repulsed."

"In the Argonne a battle around  
Fort Marie Therese was very violent.  
According to latest reports received,  
the German forces numbered in the  
neighborhood of the fortress were in-  
creased. The German aeroplanes con-  
tinued all our positions. The enemy's  
losses were considerable. Ours were  
serious."

"In the Vosges there was a thick  
fog and heavy snow. It was during a  
very dark night that there occurred  
the infantry action reported yester-  
day at La Fontaine, in the Ban-De-  
Sapt. The Germans had at least two  
battalions in this engagement. After  
having yielded ground to our troops  
gained all of this by a series of counter  
attacks during the day of Feb. 10."

New Attack at LaBasse.  
Another furious effort of the Ger-  
mans to break through the Anglo-  
French lines near LaBasse, in France,  
is expected. French aerial scouts re-  
port a movement of part of the armies  
of Grand Duke Albrecht of Wurtem-  
berg and Field Marshal von Buelow  
toward the Argonne. The German  
armies are reported to be in the  
neighborhood of the fortress of Mesnil-  
Les-Hurlus, which was recently cap-  
tured by the French, but were re-  
pulsed.

Official dispatches report a renewal  
of fighting in the woods around Bag-  
nolle in the Argonne region. It is  
also stated that the Germans holding  
the line near Manonville, in Lor-  
raine, have been compelled to fall  
back. In the Vosges attacks by the  
German land forces were checked by  
the heavy artillery fire of the French.

The artillery duelling in Belgium  
continues without interruption. The  
Belgian troops holding a position  
among the dunes on the North sea  
coast have been violently shelled.  
Prest Poincaré of France has ar-  
rived at the front. Before his return  
he will confer decorations upon a  
number of French officers and privates  
who have shown distinction through  
bravery in the recent fighting.

## South Bend Lawyer Hurls Defi At Republic-Demo Detractors of State's New Anti-Lobby Law

W. A. McNerny Declares Reg-  
istration Legalizes High-  
Class Law Practice and  
Makes Legislative Work Re-  
spectable.

Special to The News-Times.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11.—William  
A. McNerny, South Bend attorney,  
registered with Sec'y of State Cook  
today as the legislative counsel of the  
Northern Indiana Gas and Electric  
Co., under the recently enacted anti-  
lobby law. McNerny is for the law,  
and asserts that as a democratic  
measure it is one of the most pro-  
gressive that has been placed upon  
the statute books in years.

"I know of no reason why I should  
decline to enter my appearance in this  
branch of law practice, any more than  
I would when employed to represent  
a client in court," McNerny declares.  
"and that the legislature  
has heaped insult upon itself by pass-  
ing the law, any more than the judge  
of the court does when he requires  
an attorney to enter his appearance  
in a case before attempting to try it."

According to the Northern Indiana  
Gas and Electric Co. application for  
registration of Mr. McNerny, he is to  
represent it "as legislative counsel,  
with power to appear before commit-  
tees, question witnesses at hearings,  
and advise with members of the legis-  
lature in all matters coming before the  
assembly that affect the operation or  
management of public utilities." It is  
one of the first registrations of im-  
portance to appear on the books.

"I am not a lobbyist," said Mr. Mc-  
Nerny when queried with regard to  
the possible stigma that his registra-  
tion might bring upon him. "There  
is no such thing as lobbying since the  
passage of this law."

McNerny threw a bomb at the ag-  
gregation of old-time lobbyists, mainly  
republican, which he found in the  
corridor of the statehouse, bawling  
the passage of the law, and prophesying  
calamity for the democratic party  
as a consequence.

"I believe you are a republican,"  
was the South Bend man's customary  
thrust, when critics of the law would  
get in his way. Generally they boast-  
ed that they were "well" he would  
say with variations. "was Jim Wat-  
son. He too, was the prize lobbyist  
involved in the Mulhall affair." Sob-  
ers who pretended to be democrats,  
were told that they ought to be re-  
publicans in order to have a more  
agreeable political society.

"No man that is not ashamed of his  
job needs to be ashamed of the re-  
quirements of that anti-lobby bill,"  
said McNerny's repeated defense.  
"and what is hurting you republicans  
is that the democrats passed the law,  
and when the next campaign comes  
around you will have that fact staring  
you in the face as among the big  
achievements of the present session in  
the advancement of good govern-  
ment."

Mr. McNerny called attention to  
the manner in which the republicans  
last fall sought to make campaign  
material out of the lobbyists that in-  
fested the statehouse during the 1913  
session of the assembly, just as though  
they were their first appearance.  
Campaign orators and republican  
newspapers called loud and vigorous  
for an anti-lobby bill, but just as  
soon as the governor had recommended  
such a law, and a bill had been in-  
troduced, republican lobbyists swooped  
down upon the statehouse like so  
many hungry hen-hawks, to lobby  
against its passage and to assure dem-  
ocrats in both houses of their great  
interest in future democratic prosper-  
ity.

Had the democrats failed to pass  
the law, an anti-lobby plank would  
have been in the next republican state  
platform, in the judgment of Mr. Mc-  
Nerny, and these same men who lob-  
bed against the bill would be ob-  
liged to support it.

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SCOUR COUNTRY IN HUNT  
FOR PARENTS OF BOY  
FOUND ON CHURCH STEPS

A small, flaxen-haired boy with a  
winning smile has been a national  
sensation for a mother who has been  
searching for a mother for his father  
that has extended from Philadelphia  
to South Bend and even farther west.  
Found curled in a comfortable position  
on the steps of a New York  
cathedral one night last September  
he is a mystery and will remain a mys-  
tery until sufficient reason for his  
abandonment has been discovered by  
Capt. Cameron of the Philadelphia  
police department, assisted by the  
police departments of every city in  
the country.

Austin is but four years old, yet his  
apparent good breeding and refine-  
ment, which he appears to have in his  
clothes leads those who have been as-  
sociated in the search for his parents  
to believe that he is of good family.  
The local police department has been  
asked to aid in the search. Austin  
there is both a Broad st. and a Sixth  
st. here. Austin had said that he  
lived at 628 Sixth st. or 628 Broad  
st. but in what city he could not tell.  
He said that he came to New York  
with his mother, Lenore McHenry,  
and his sister, Gwendolyn Mary "after  
a long, long ride on the cars," and  
that he lived in a "great big house  
with a big yard, with lots of cows and  
chickens."

## DIXIE HIGHWAY BOOSTER IN PLEA FOR GOOD ROADS

W. S. Gilbreath of Indianapolis  
Says Better Highways Ought  
to Be "Big Idea" Through-  
out Hoosier State.

That better roads should be the  
"Big Idea" of Indiana was the asser-  
tion at the regular noon luncheon of  
the Chamber of Commerce Thursday  
by W. S. Gilbreath of Indianapolis,  
originator of the Hoosier-Dixie high-  
way plan. Mr. Gilbreath spoke on  
good roads in general saving his main  
talk on the Hoosier-Dixie highway for  
tonight at the high school auditorium  
when he will illustrate it with slides  
taken along the proposed route. Over  
100 men were present at the banquet  
Thursday. A feature of the crowd  
was the delegation from Kalamazoo,  
Mich., where a campaign similar to  
the one put on in South Bend last fall  
has just been concluded. Among the  
delegates was J. H. Buebeck of the  
American City Bureau who assisted in  
the campaign. Those who made short  
talks from Kalamazoo were Pres't  
Stahler of the Kalamazoo chamber of  
commerce, George P. Puffer, a former  
State legislator, and William Shakespear.  
The luncheon Thursday was held in  
the high school lunch room, girls from  
the domestic science department ac-  
ting as waitresses. After the luncheon  
the men adjourned to the manufac-  
turers' exhibit.

Speaking of good roads, Mr. Gil-  
breath said:  
"As I see it the 'big idea' is for bet-  
ter roads in Indiana. We are going  
to be selfish and make it Marion coun-  
ty or St. Joseph county, that is about  
as far as we will get. But the big  
idea is for all Indiana and if we can  
understand that it is a wonderful step  
toward the whole body politic of the state we  
will be coming closer together and we  
will get somewhere in the road proposi-  
tion."

"So far talk has been like a good  
many of the stretches of our roads,  
they start in the mud and end in the  
mud. Roads that should concern  
Indiana should start somewhere and  
end somewhere. They should be a  
monument to the people of the state  
for a day but for all time to come."

"The whole road system in Indiana  
has been outrageous. This magnificent  
state has grown faster than its roads  
and now it is time for us to catch up.  
We have put our financial system on  
a business basis, our school system  
on a business basis, in fact all the var-  
ious divisions of the great state works  
are on a business basis, but the roads  
are not and it is a wonderful step  
advance to see the business men of the  
state manifesting the interest in the  
proposition of good roads that they  
are."

"His automobile has carried him  
into the country and he has come to  
realize the wonderful possibility of  
better roads, and how he can link him-  
self with the farmer. The farmer has  
met his city brother at his own door  
and shown him what things were and  
are to the farmer; in turn the busi-  
ness man has welcomed the farmer  
to his door. They are getting together  
and making the road roads move-  
ment not local, but sectional."

When discovered he was waiting  
for a wagon to come and haul the  
sugar. He was waiting for a wagon  
where they were to have been kept  
until resold. The detectives  
found the car seals taken from the  
car broken into one of his pockets.  
The sugar had been taken from the  
car valued at \$70 and was a part of  
a shipment received Wednesday  
morning by the company.

## TRANSFER FIGHT ON SHIP BILL TO HOUSE

Pres't Wilson Makes it Clear  
He Will Stand by Pur-  
chase Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Pol-  
lowing the announcement from the  
white house that Pres't Wilson will  
stand pat upon the Gore shipping bill  
Sen. Fletcher of Florida, in charge of  
the bill in the senate, stated that the  
administration would plan immedi-  
ately to transfer the fight to the  
house. The leaders in the house said  
that if the shipping bill was brought  
up there it would be passed next week  
and that a special rule would be used  
to insure its adoption.

Sen. Fletcher said that the Weeks  
naval bill already passed by the sen-  
ate, will be amended in the house this  
become the shipping bill. He added  
"meanwhile the opposition has the  
votes to set aside present considera-  
tion of the ship purchase bill in the  
senate."

Sen. Norris of Nebraska, who holds  
the balance of power between the two  
sides in the upper house, said he  
would favor taking up the convict  
labor bill or of one of the appropria-  
tion bills. Sen. Hitchcock, one of the  
seven insurgents, denied a statement  
attributed to Sen. Smith of Georgia,  
that the insurgents had agreed to a  
compromise on the bill.

ORDER INQUEST IN DEATH  
OF PARK PATROLMAN

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—An inquest  
was ordered today into the death of  
Thomas Conquist, a Lincoln Park po-  
liceman for 17 years, who was struck  
and killed last night while on duty  
by an automobile in which Rep. E. C.  
Gorman and two other men were  
riding. Roy S. Hubbard, chauffeur,  
was held.

## Latest Bulletins From War Zone

SOFIA, Feb. 11.—A sensation  
was caused today by the arrest of  
seven men on the charge that they  
conspired to blow up the great  
government ammunition depot near  
Sofia. The plot was discovered  
when a sentinel at the depot at-  
tacked and succeeded in the arrest-  
ing his assailants. While the  
identity of the prisoners taken  
today was kept secret, it is rumo-  
red that they are Servians.

NISH, Servia (via London),  
Feb. 11.—Official announcement  
was made here today that in an  
artillery battle at Orsova, on the  
Danube river, the Austrian guns  
had been completely silenced and  
four batteries destroyed by the  
Serbian artillery. Austrian troops  
tried to cross the Danube Tues-  
day night but were discovered by  
the searchlights of the Ser-  
vians and every boat was sunk.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—According  
to a news agency dispatch from  
Amsterdam Dutch neutrality was  
violated today by an aviator who  
flew over Flushing, Holland, and  
accidentally dropped a bomb that  
struck the bank of the canal there  
but did not damage.

The dispatch did not state the  
aviator's nationality.

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 11.—Bodie,  
hitting the battlefront to the east  
of the Suez canal bear witness to  
the slaughter caused among the  
Turkish troops by the English  
warships on the canal in the re-  
cent conflict. The bodies of the  
dead Turks are heaped up every-  
where, according to officers who  
arrived here today.

Many of the Turks were decapitated  
by the British gun fire. Bodies  
were left unburied by the  
Turks.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—A French  
news agency today announced  
the receipt of a dispatch from  
Petrograd announcing that the  
Germans had evacuated Lodz,  
Poland. The news was received  
with great reserve even in official  
circles.

## NAB PRIZE FIGHTER FOR SUGAR ROBBERY

Police Declare Lew Powell Con-  
fessed Entrance Into Car  
of Sugar.

An attempt to rob a freight car in  
the yards of the South Bend Whole-  
sale Grocery Co. frustrated Wednes-  
day night when Lew Powell, a local  
prize fighter, was said to have been  
caught in the act of unloading sugar  
from the car by a member of a coal  
firm, whose property adjoins that of  
the grocery store.

According to the police Powell con-  
fessed Thursday morning to the rob-  
bery.

When the coal man went to close  
the gates of the coal yard he noticed  
that the car had been broken into.  
Shortly afterward he discovered that  
twelve 100-pound sacks of sugar had  
been removed to one end of the coal  
firm, whose property adjoins that of  
the grocery store, who immedi-  
ately notified the police.

Powell was discovered hiding in a  
barn by Detectives Lane and Shirk.  
At first he refused to confess, but  
started to run, but stopped when one  
of the detectives fired his revolver.  
He was taken to the police station  
and placed in jail Thursday morn-  
ing. He was said to have confessed in  
the manner in which the robbery had  
been planned.

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for a wagon to come and haul the  
sugar. He was waiting for a wagon  
where they were to have been kept  
until resold. The detectives  
found the car seals taken from the  
car broken into one of his pockets.  
The sugar had been taken from the  
car valued at \$70 and was a part of  
a shipment received Wednesday  
morning by the company.

## PICK UP DEMENTED MAN

Christian Rapp Being Held While In-  
formation Is Sought.

Christian Rapp, 79 years old, is be-  
ing held at the county jail while the  
officers seek information concerning  
the whereabouts of his home and re-  
latives. He was picked up Tuesday  
night in the West End where he  
was wandering about in a demented  
condition. He says that he is a  
band-saw man and that he has worked  
at Studebaker's for 20 years.

## FERRIS LAUGHS AT STORY OF POLITICAL BREAK

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 11.—Gov.  
William D. Ferris expressed him-  
self as highly amused over the story  
sent out from the capital to the effect  
that there had been a break between  
State Chairman Shields, National  
Committee Chairman Wood and him-  
self. One of the chief features of the  
article relating to the split in the  
democracy was the statement that  
Wayne county was angry because it  
had not been able to distill its share  
of the political patronage. This with  
the fact that the Wayne county ring  
of the democracy were in Lansing  
simultaneously with the spreading of  
the story of the break is taken by local  
democrats as sufficient indication  
of the authorship of the yarn.

## WINONA ASSEMBLY IN BANKRUPTCY COURT

WARSAW, Feb. 11.—Winona as-  
sembly has been declared bankrupt by  
Judge A. B. Anderson of the United  
States federal court at Indianapolis.  
The assembly was owned by Sol C.  
Wood of Fort Wayne, referee in  
bankruptcy. The date for the first  
meeting of creditors has not yet been  
set.

## SENATE WOULD ALLOW BEATING AT HORSE RACES

Upper Chamber Passes Hirsch  
Measure Providing for Oper-  
ation of Pari Mutual System  
at Race Tracks.

## POTTAWATOMIE PARK BILL IS INTRODUCED

Rep. Hepler Introduces Meas-  
ure Providing for Return of  
Park Land—"Dead Beats"  
Guardian Bill Killed.

## INDIANA'S 69TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE NEWS-TIMES INDIANAPOLIS BUREAU

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11.—The  
Summers' senate bill providing that  
when any bank or trust company shall  
have acquired real estate with obli-  
gations to pay all taxes thereon, the  
assessed valuation of such real estate  
shall be deducted from the valuation  
of the capital stock for taxation pur-  
poses, was handed down on first read-  
ing in the house today, having passed  
the senate.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11.—Horse  
racing and betting on races will be  
legalized in Indiana, if the house ap-  
proves the action of the senate today  
in passing the Hirsch bill.

The senators voted 25 to 10 in favor  
of the Hirsch measure, which permits  
pari mutual betting.

In the senate a bill to create an  
"employment commission" in every  
city of the state was introduced by  
Sen. Fleming of Portland. The meas-  
ure provides that the commission to  
furnish employment to all idle work-  
ers would be appointed by circuit  
judges and the members would serve  
without salaries.

Sen. Eikman's bill to have guardians  
appointed for "dead beats" was killed  
in the senate today when a committee  
report for indefinite postponement  
was adopted.

A bill went in today providing for  
a referendum vote in cities of any con-  
tract involving more than \$100,000 or  
on any franchise contract. Rep. He-  
pler introduced a bill providing that  
where county fair grounds are used  
for agricultural purposes the county  
commissioners may sell the grounds  
to the city for park purposes and re-  
invest the money in other fair  
grounds. Rep. Hagerty sent in a bill  
seeking to pay deputy assessors \$3 a  
day in towns containing cities of the  
first or second class. Rep. Fulton  
introduced a bill providing for erec-  
tion of comfort stations in all cities  
of 500 or more population. Rep.  
Stearns introduced a bill to have  
circuit courts to pass on the question  
of vacating streets, alleys or lands.

Rep. Kinder introduced a bill to-  
day providing for establishment of  
teachers training schools in every  
city of first and second class by  
school boards. Rep. Peick introduced  
a bill creating a commission to in-  
vestigate the advisability of Indiana  
buying coal lands to supply fuel for  
public buildings of the state. Rep.  
Pierce of Marion introduced a bill  
prohibiting boys under 14 and girls  
under 18 selling papers in cities of  
more than 25,000 population between  
8 o'clock at night and 5 o'clock in the  
morning, and prohibiting the vending  
of any newspapers or magazines in a  
voice louder than a conversational  
tone.

Attacks Zearing.  
The morning session of the state  
senate was brought to a dramatic  
close today by a speech of Sen. Bal-  
low in support of one of his drainage  
bills. Sen. Zearing attempted to  
have the bill which was passed sev-  
eral days ago, reconsidered.

Speaking on the motion Sen. Ballou  
declared Zearing was trying to "dis-  
credit him" for voting against the  
city of Indianapolis finance board bill.  
"I have respect for all the Marion  
county senators, except Sen. Zearing,"  
declared Ballou. "He has scolded  
me a despicable thing in trying to  
defeat this drainage measure be-  
cause he desires to punish me for not  
voting for the Marion county sena-  
tor's pet measure."

Zearing attempted no response.

Rep. Miller's tuberculosis measure,  
which is being supported by Rich-  
mond, Terre Haute and many other  
cities in the state, was handed down  
from committee in the house this  
morning with favorable recommenda-  
tion. The bill is backed by the  
Marion county society for the study  
and prevention of tuberculosis.

It provides for the registration by  
physicians of all cases of tuberculosis  
with the local health authorities for  
the free examination of sputum of all  
persons desiring to learn whether  
they have the disease; for the dis-  
fection of all premises vacated by  
tubercular people before the prem-  
ises may be again occupied. No quar-  
antine is provided for unless occa-  
sioned by carelessness.

It is attitude of the society that  
through this measure they will be  
able to more successfully combat the  
disease and that unless the measure  
is passed they will have but little op-  
portunity to wage their desired battle.

The bill to make Gary, Ind., a city  
of the second class will be passed by  
the Indiana house, out the salaries of  
the present city officials will not be  
affected by the elevation of Gary, ac-  
cording to opinions expressed today  
about the statehouse. The vote yes-  
terday advancing the bill to second

## NEPHEWS PALLBEARERS FOR MISS STUDEBAKER

Funeral Services Will Be Held Satur-  
day Afternoon—Friends Pay  
Tribute.

Nephews of Rebecca Studebaker,  
who died Wednesday at her home on  
W. Lasalle av., will act as the pall-  
bearers at the funeral Saturday. They  
will be George M. Studebaker,  
William Studebaker, George M. Wit-  
wer, Franklin Riley, Dr. R. S. Lucas  
and Harry D. Johnson, Jr.

The funeral services, which will be  
private, will be held Saturday after-  
noon at 2:30 o'clock from the resi-  
dence, Dr. James L. Gardiner offi-  
ciating. The body may be viewed  
from 10 o'clock Saturday morning  
until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Burial  
will be in the city cemetery.

Sincere appreciation of the charac-  
ter of a woman whose life has been so  
intimately interwoven with the history  
of the city for 14 years is ex-  
pressed by innumerable of her friends  
who have known of the worth which  
her great modesty never acknowl-  
edged.

The following expression of appre-  
ciation was written by Mary Clarke  
Cochran:

"South Bend has suffered an ir-  
reparable loss in the person of Miss  
Rebecca Studebaker. The thread of  
her beautiful life is to be found run-  
ning through every movement, or the  
betterment of humanity in the com-  
munity. Her frail form sheltered a  
soul rich in every Christian virtue.

The charity that gives untringly and  
unselfishly was the passion of her  
unostentatious life. She was a friend  
to all in need of her kindly offices re-  
gardless of creed or nationality. The  
sad hearts she has cheered; the old  
people whose neglected old age she  
has comforted; the little children she  
has befriended will ever hold her be-  
loved name in sacred memory."

## RUSSIANS SINK 50 TURK SAILING VESSELS

Smash Batteries Defending  
Trebizond and Destroy  
Black Sea Vessels.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 11.—More than  
50 Turkish sailing vessels have been  
sunk by the Russian fleet in the Black  
sea during the recent operations. It  
was officially announced at the admi-  
nistrative today. At Trebizond, which  
was bombarded on Feb. 8, heavy damage  
was caused by the Russian warships,  
which succeeded in smashing three  
batteries operated by Ottoman gun-  
ners defending the port.

The entire shore of Asia Minor be-  
tween Platana and Rize, a distance of  
over 60 miles, has been shelled by the  
Russians and three important bridges  
destroyed.

Details of the fleet's operations are  
given in the following statement issued  
at the admiralty:  
On Feb. 8, our torpedo boat de-  
stroyers in the Black sea bombarded  
three of the Turkish batteries at Tre-  
bizond and wrecked them. Other  
heavy damage was done there. Our  
warships later destroyed two bridges  
in the region of Platana and a third  
to the west of Rize.

"In the course of its operations the  
Russian fleet sank more than 50 of  
the enemy's sailing ships."

## KAISER PREDICTS A TRIUMPH OVER RUSS

Holds Conference with Advisers  
Regarding Military and  
Internal Situations.

BERLIN (via Amsterdam), Feb. 11.  
—William II. held a series of im-  
portant conferences last night at the  
imperial palace during which im-  
portant phases of the military and in-  
ternal situation were discussed. The  
emperor informed his visitors that he  
was thoroughly satisfied with the con-  
ditions as he found them on his tour  
of inspection in the eastern theater of  
war and is said to have predicted a  
complete triumph for the German  
troops over the Russians.

Among those who conferred with  
the emperor were Gen. von Aulffen-  
berg. He discussed the military situa-  
tion with these officers thoroughly and  
later received the ministers of com-  
merce and finance.

After the conferences ended the offi-  
cials were entertained at dinner by  
the kaiser and kaiserin in celebration  
of the anniversary of the emperor's  
becoming honorary colonel of the first  
guards regiment.

## PLACE CABANAW ON TRIAL

Man Is Charged with Disposing of  
Dead Animals Illegally.

Fred Cabanaw, charged with dis-  
posing of the dead bodies of animals  
without a license, was placed on trial  
in the circuit court Thursday morn-  
ing. Sam Schwartz and Pres. Monti-  
gory conducted the prosecution and  
George Sands the defense. There  
were few witnesses to be heard and  
it was expected that the case would  
be finished by Thursday night.

The charge is that the defendant  
violated that law which provides for  
a license to be held by persons who  
purchase carcasses for the hides. The  
law is in the aid of the state health  
department and seeks to insure that  
remains of dead animals shall be  
buried properly so as not to be a  
menace to public health.

## ALLOW RAILROADS TO CUT TARIFFS ACROSS COUNTRY

Local Competition Justifies  
Violation of "Long and Short  
Haul" Clause of Commerce  
Act, Commission Says.

## DECISION IMPORTANT TO COMMON CARRIERS

Enables Lower Freight Charge  
Between Coast Terminals  
Than Between Intermediate  
Points.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Because  
of competition through the Panama  
canal transcontinental railroads to-  
day were permitted by the interstate  
commerce commission to charge low-  
er rates from eastern points to Pacific  
coast terminals than to intermediate  
points. With a few specific exceptions  
the decision permits a reduction in the  
long haul rates.

The decision was in what is known  
as the "intermountain Rate case," and  
was regarded as second in importance  
only to the five per cent case.

The decision was the second big vic-  
tory for the railroads in their appeal  
for relief from threatened financial